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"AMERICA." We are induced to think that the
proper course for us to adopt is to wait and see what
will be required of you to communicate to the party inter-
ested, when these in doubt you would be liable to be
prosecuted for libel. Anonymous attacks on
private individuals cannot be so strongly censured.
Some of your statements may be correct for us to say, but one of them is, to our knowledge, entirely
unfounded. We may add, that it is customary, for
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faith.

DEATHS.

On the 16th August, at the R. N. Hospital, EDWARD
Crawford, aged 6 months, son of R. W. Crawford.

On the 17th August, at the R. N. Hospital, MARY
SUSAN, aged 25 years, the beloved wife of R. W.
Houghton.

1860.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 19TH, 1860.

The Criminal Sessions, which ought to have
commenced at ten o'clock yesterday, were not
opened until after eleven. On coming into
Court Mr. Justice SNOWDER expressed his
regret at the delay, but said the Chief Justice,
and himself had been detained by important
business in Chambers. The business might be
important, but it is unfortunate that the
Judges could not fix a time for its transaction
when they would not keep thirty or forty
people waiting for them. An instance of the
inconvenience caused by such delay, it may
be mentioned that Dr. GOMES, who had been
summoned to attend and give evidence at
the state of a witness's health, after waiting
for nearly three-quarters of an hour, had
to leave to attend, to an urgent case, and
when he was wanted for the purpose for
which he had been summoned he was not
present. The Judge remarked that he
ought not to have left without permission
but surely, under the circumstances of
the case, such a remark was unreasonable.
The business of a doctor may be
justly described as important; the busi-
ness which detained the Judges in Chambers
was, we understand, a simple motion, which
might have been well taken after the
Sessions were closed as before they were
opened, or, for the matter of that, on an
other day altogether, without any detriment
to the suit in which it was made.

HONGKONG is not singular in being infested
by gamblers. The numerous cases lately
heard at the Police Court show that gambling
in most refined forms is persistently carried
on this Colony by the natives in utter
disregard of the law, and in spite of frequent
convictions and heavy punishments. The
passion for gambling among the Chinese
is deeply ingrained in the masses, and
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INTIMATIONS.

French's camp on Monday, where it is expected that a secret interview with Abd-el-Rahman shall take place.

Wall Malenov has resigned the Governorship of Kabul. The British troops are now proceeding into the city.

—KABUL, 30th July.

The news of the Kandahar disaster is acknowledged in Kabul city. The Griffin goes out to General Gough, who, this afternoon, will have an audience with the Amir-to-morrow morning. Our strength is 1,000 and about Kabul is over 20,000. If captured, Sir Donald Stewart could send a strong compact division southwards.

From the Commissioner, Sindia.—General Burrows is reported safe. The Gatai Post has been attacked and is holding its own. Assistance from Chitral there are reports that General Burrows' flight was severe, both sides taxied many.

MADRAS, 30th July.

Lord Hartington's announcement of the amalgamation of Burrows' Brigade is not borne out. The data Sir R. Sandeman reports that General Pritiessup to eleven in the forenoon Wednesday, did not know the extent of the defeat.

last message said the disaster was not so great as believed, though very severe. The enemy are still in full force, and our force is not far from ours. Two of our men were taken, the rest were extracted in parties of General Burrows' force have fled safely at Kandahar, among officers. The combats have continued the road between Quetta and Kandahar are advancing rapidly.

British regiments will have Kandahar. Two strong brigades from India, Kandahar, and Ghazni.

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